



Forest Service

# WoodsWISE

Incentives to Stewardship Enhancement



## Maine Forest Service – Stewardship Forester Agreement

Forester name: \_\_\_\_\_ ME Forester License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Intern Forester Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Intern Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(street address, city, state, zip)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

*In placing this application for eligibility as a Stewardship Forester to deliver or administer Maine Forest Service WoodsWISE cost-shared services, I the undersigned agree to the following conditions:*

1. **Licensure:** As a Stewardship Forester I agree to:
  - a. be currently licensed as a Forester in Maine; or as an Intern Forester under the supervision of a Licensed Forester who is also a Stewardship Forester;
  - b. meet continuing education requirements for licensure in Maine;
  - c. adhere to the Maine Board of Licensure for Professional Foresters Code of Ethics.
2. **Agreement to provide cost-shared services:** I further agree to
  - a. Provide services to landowners that meet all standards and specifications of practices eligible for cost-sharing.
  - b. Provide services to clients that include both forest management planning and implementation of recommended activities, within (the forester's) appropriate scope of practice or expertise.
  - c. Enter into written agreements with clients that describe the services to be provided and the estimated cost or applicable fee structure.
  - d. Provide cost-shared services to client landowners solely on the client's behalf, without any obligation for the sale of wood products to any other party.
  - e. Refer clients to other professionals where specialized expertise is in the client's best interest.
  - f. Make a reasonable effort to assist participating landowners in completing all administrative/procedural requirements of cost-sharing in a timely manner, and submitting documentation of practices and related submissions on the landowner's behalf.
  - g. Promote science-based silviculture and forest management on properties participating in cost-share programs.
  - h. Attend continuing education offerings, specified by MFS, including required Stewardship Forester training and information sessions on program procedures offered each year.
  - i. Adhere to the recommendations of Maine Best Management Practices for Forestry.
3. **Reporting:** I agree to complete periodic surveys on related forestry practices and accomplishments, including summary information on the amount and nature of services provided to landowners. I understand that any information gathered in the survey will be used for MFS reporting of aggregated data to the USDA-Forest Service and others.

Forester Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: WoodsWISE, Maine Forest Service, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333